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SUBJ: SEMI-OFFICIAL MOROCCAN JOURNAL DEMANDS QUICK JUSTICE
FOR ROME AIRPORT TERRORISTS

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1. ON DECEMBER 27, SEMI-OFFICIAL MAROC SOIR CARRIED EDITORIAL BY ITS PUBLISHER, MOULAY AHMED ALAOU, ENTITLED QUOTE TRAITORS AND CRIMINALS UNQUOTE. PIECE OPENED WITH WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MONTAIGNE, QUOTE ONE DOES NOT CORRECT THE MAN WHOM ONE HANGS, BUT CORRECTS OTHERS THROUGH HIM UNQUOTE. THIS QUOTATION SET TONE OF WHAT FOLLOWED. FOR ONCE, EDITORIAL NOTED, WORLD WAS UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNING ACTION OF TERRORISTS, WHO PRETENDED ACT IN NAME OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, AND MOROCCANS WERE PAINED AS HUMAN BEINGS, AS ARABS AND AS PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST FOUR COMPATRIOTS. PLO, WHICH NOW OFFICIALLY REPRESENTS ALL PALESTINIANS, HAS ALWAYS CONDEMNED ACTS OF WANTON TERRORISM; NOW, FOR FIRST TIME, IT HAS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE IT MEANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT IT SAYS. EDITORIAL ENDED BY CALLING FOR JUSTICE TO BE

METED OUT QUICKLY TO MEN WHO ARE BOTH TRAITORS TO PALESTINIAN
CAUSE AND COMMON CRIMINALS.

2. COMMENT: EDITORIAL LESS EQUIVOC*L THAN EARLIER MOROC SOIR
ITEM WHICH PLAYED UP THEME OF TERRORISTS BEING PAWNS IN HANDS OF
SOME HIDDEN POWER WHOSE AIM WAS TO DAMAGE THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.
RETURN OF BODIES OF FOUR OFFICIALS WAS HIGHLY EMOTIONAL EVENT
HERE, AND EDITORIAL REFLECTS GOM VIEW THAT JUSTICE SHOULD BE
DONE QUICKLY, EVEN AT RISK OF OFFENDING OTHER ARABS WHO MIGHT
FAVOR MORE LEISURELY INVESTIWATION.
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